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FOI: FAULT-TOLERANT COMPUTER SYSTEM, RE-SYNCHRONIZATION METHOD THEREOF AND RE-SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM THEREOF

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem

material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

- Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-21104, published January 23, 1998 (with English abstract).
- Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-200255, published July 18, 2000 (with English abstract).
- Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-32955, published February 4, 1992 (with English abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is charging the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen, and is submitting herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action, dated June 21, 2006, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree for relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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